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MEDITERRANEAN AGRICULTURE

REF: (A) BRUSSELS 8840, (B) BRUSSELS 8452, (C) 75 EC
BRUSSELS 5738

1. AS REPORTED IN REF. A, ON JULY 26 THE FRENCH SUB-
MITTED A MEMORANDUM TO THE EC COUNCIL CALLING FOR REFORM
OF EC AGRICULTURAL POLICIES THAT AFFECT MEDITERRANEAN
PRODUCTS, IN THE CONTEXT OF EC ENLARGEMENT TO INCLUDE
GREECE, SPAIN AND PORTUGAL. THE MEMORANDUM STATES THAT
THE REFORM MEASURES SHOULD BE UNDERTAKEN IN PARALLEL
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WITH THE CURRENT GREEK ACCESSION NEGOTIATIONS.

2. A SUMMARY OF THE FRENCH MEMORANDUM FOLLOWS:
AGRICULTURAL POLICIES COVERING MEDITERRANEAN PRODUCTION
OF WINE, FRESH AND PROCESSED FRUITS AND VEGETABLES,
TOBACCO, AND OLIVE OIL SHOULD BE MODIFIED TO ACHIEVE
FIVE BASIC OBJECTIVES:

A. TO BALANCE IN THE LONG RUN THE SUPPLY AND DEMAND SITUATION OF THE PRODUCTS IN QUESTION;

B. TO FAVOR PRODUCT QUALITY OVER MASS PRODUCTION;

C. TO ENCOURAGE FORMATION OF PRODUCER AND OTHER SIMILAR (INTERPROFESSIONAL) ORGANIZATIONS;

D. TO ENSURE EQUAL COMPETITIVE CONDITIONS IN INTRA-COMMUNITY TRADE; AND

E. TO STRENGTHEN COMMUNITY PREFERENCE AND TO EXPAND EXPORTS.

THE OVERALL OBJECTIVE IS TO APPLY THE INTERVENTION SYSTEM AND MONETARY COMPENSATORY AMOUNTS SCHEDULE IN MEDITERRANEAN PRODUCTS.

3. WINE: WINE REGULATIONS SHOULD BE MODIFIED TO PROVIDE FOR QUALITY PRODUCTION BY MEANS OF STORAGE CONTRACTS, THE STRENGTHENING OF PRODUCER GROUPS, THE APPLICATION OF A COMMUNITY SCALE FOR WINE CLASSIFICATION, THE PROMOTION OF TABLE WINE FROM DIFFERENT GEOGRAPHICAL REGIONS, AND THE APPLICATION OF COMPENSATORY AMOUNTS.

4. FRESH FRUITS AND VEGETABLES: REFORMS IN THE FRUITS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND VEGETABLES SECTOR ARE GEARED TOWARD BETTER GROWTH IN PRODUCTION WITH THE AIM OF PROMOTING PRODUCTS OF QUALITY. THE PROTECTION MECHANISM SHOULD BE STRENGTHENED TO AVOID MARKET DISRUPTION FROM IMPORTS OF LOWER-PRICED COMMODITIES FROM THIRD COUNTRIES. A THRESHOLD PRICE MECHANISM (TO BE BASED ON THE COMMUNITY MARKET PRICE) WOULD BE MORE SUITABLE FOR FRESH FRUIT THAN THE REFERENCE PRICE SCHEME. THE THRESHOLD PRICE WOULD BE DETERMINED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE GUIDE PRICE OF EACH COMMODITY AND BY PERIOD. COMPENSATORY AMOUNTS WOULD BE TRIGGERED ON A PROGRESSIVE SCALE.

5. FOR PROCESSED FRUITS AND VEGETABLES, THE NECESSARY REFORMS WOULD INCLUDE IMPROVEMENT OF THE MINIMUM PRICE AND SAFEGUARD MECHANISMS, GRANTING THE COMMISSION AUTHORITY TO NEGOTIATE SELF-LIMITING COMMERCIAL AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE COMMUNITY AND THIRD COUNTRIES BASED ON "SUPPLEMENTARY QUANTITIES;" IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION PRESENTED TO THE COUNCIL IN JUNE 1975 WHICH PERMITS USE OF COMMUNITY FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS WHERE DIFFICULTIES ARISE WITH REGARD TO THIRD COUNTRY AGREEMENTS (REF. C, PARAGRAPH 6) AND STRENGTHENING OF

BORDER CONTROL MEASURES TO PREVENT FRAUD.

6. TOBACCO: THE CONDITIONS FOR GRANTING PREMIUMS SHOULD BE STRENGTHENED, THE MEANS FOR RESORTING TO INTERVENTION SHOULD BE MORE RESTRICTIVE, AND REGULATORY STOCKS SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED.

7. OLIVE OIL: SUBSIDIES SHOULD BE BETTER SUITED TO PRODUCTION BY BASING THEM ON THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE GUARANTEED PRODUCTION PRICE AND THE REAL MARKET PRICE, INSTEAD OF ON AN ARBITRARILY FIXED TARGET PRICE. THE CONDITIONS FOR MARKETING OLIVE OIL SHOULD BE IMPROVED TO FUNCTION ALONG THE LINE AS THOSE FOR OILSEEDS. THE PRODUCTION OF QUALITY TABLE OLIVES SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED

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BY THE GRANTING OF PROMOTION SUBSIDIES IN THE FRAMEWORK OF PRODUCER AND SIMILAR ORGANIZATIONAL AGREEMENTS.

8. A COPY OF THE MEMORANDUM IN FRENCH IS BEING SENT TO RICHARD SCHROETER, FAS/USDA AND ED CASEY, EUR/RPE/STATE. A COPY IN ENGLISH WILL FOLLOW WHEN AVAILABLE. HINTON

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